

# CAREERS NEWSLETTER



## The Careers Team

Mrs Lawson (Careers Lead), Mrs Robertson (Careers Adviser) and Mrs Sergeant (Careers Adviser). You can find us in OF-10 next to the Food Technology department so please call in and say hello. The aim of this newsletter is to communicate recent career activities and events.

## Careers Fair - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Students in years 9, 10 and 11 attended the annual careers fair in the sports hall. Students moved around the stalls and engaged with the local colleges, universities, training providers and employers. Each student was given a careers passport and asked to get a minimum of 6 signatures from exhibitors to be in with a chance of winning a £10 Amazon voucher for each year group. The lucky winners are:

- Year 9 – B Wrigglesworth
- Year 10 – K Szczepankiewicz
- Year 11 – F Rhodes

A big well done to everyone involved as the day was a huge success.

## Oxford University Residential – October 2019

It was a dark and soggy morning in October when Mr Brooke and Miss Cooper took 13 year 11 students to Oxford University, but this didn't dampen student's spirits as we made our way 3 hours south. When we arrived in Oxford we were greeted by Professor Matthew Williams from Jesus College who took us on a tour around Oxford, showing us famous landmarks such as New College's Bridge of Sighs, the Radcliffe Camera and the inspiration for CS Lewis' Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe. After our inspiring tour, Matt gave the students the opportunity to experience an Oxford University Seminar on a topic of their choice; they chose to discuss the weighty issue of 'the meaning of life' to test and challenge their thinking skills. Students then had the chance to learn all about the Oxford application and interview process and practise their interview skills. In the afternoon, Matt had arranged for us to visit the Bodleian Library - one of the oldest libraries in Europe - and the film set for some of the scenes from Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. It's fair to say that the Harry Potter fans in the group, (and Miss Cooper!) could barely contain their excitement. While at the Bodleian, Matt suggested that we all make the effort to picture ourselves as students at Oxford University and point to a window where we could imagine ourselves sitting and studying. This was a really powerful way of making students realise that prestigious institutions like Oxford University are open for them.

Written by Miss Cooper



## ITV Studios – October 2019

A small group of year 10 Media students visited the ITV studios Open Newsroom in Leeds. The day allowed students, who wanted to see what it's really like to work in news, to find out what it takes to deliver the news nationwide, from presenting the weather and being a camera operator to working with the finance, technology, legal and site teams and having a rare peek behind the scenes. During the visit they had a chance to speak with staff at ITV and ask questions and even managed to get a mention on the ITV news at 6pm.



## Career of the fortnight is 'Hairdresser'

**What does a hairdresser do?** As a junior hairdresser, your tasks may include: Greeting customers, shampooing and conditioning hair, simple cutting, making sure towels and supplies are ready for use and keeping the salon clean and tidy. As a senior hairdresser you'll talk to clients about how they want their hair done, give them advice and suggest style ideas. Your tasks may include: Cutting and styling, colouring, perming or straightening, advising on minor hair and scalp problems, keeping client records, making appointments and taking payments, ordering materials and promoting sales to customers, keeping up to date with new trends, techniques and products and making sure that hair products containing chemicals are used and stored safely. You could work in a salon, at a client's home, at a health spa, at a store, in a hotel, on a cruise ship, at an adult care home, on a film set or in a prison or you could be the owner of your own salon.

### **What qualifications do I need? How much can I earn?**

You will need 2 or more GCSEs at grades 9 to 3 (A\* to D), or equivalent, for a level 2 course 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C), or equivalent, for a level 3 course. Average salary starts from £14,000 up to an experienced hairdresser at £30,000. Typical working hours are between 37 and 40 hours a week.

### **Can I have an apprenticeship?**

You can become an apprentice in England if you're: 16 or over, eligible to work in England or not in full-time education.

**Types of apprenticeships:** barbering & hairdressing, beauty therapy and make-up artistry

### **Levels of apprenticeship - Apprenticeships have equivalent educational levels:**

Intermediate level 2 equivalent to GCSE, Advanced level 3 equivalent to A level, Higher 4,5,6 & 7 equivalent to a Foundation degree & above and Degree level 6 & 7 equivalent to a Bachelor's or master's degree. Some apprenticeships may give you an additional qualification, such as a diploma.

### **What skills and knowledge will I need?** To be thorough and pay attention to detail

To have patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations, have excellent verbal communication skills, have the ability to work well with others, be flexible and open to change, have the ability to work well with your hands, have active listening skills and be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device.

## College and 6<sup>th</sup> Form Open Events 2019

**Askham Bryan College (booking required)** - Information Session 10.30am – 1.00pm - Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Feb and Sat 21<sup>st</sup> March – Information Evenings 5.00pm – 6.30pm – Tues 12<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

**Barnsley College** – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 4.00pm – 8.00pm

**CAPA College** – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January – 9.45am, 12.45pm or 3.30pm – **must book in advance**

**Leeds Arts University** – Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 6.30pm session and Wed 18<sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm session

**Leeds City College – All campus sites (booking required)** – Sat 25<sup>th</sup> January 10.00am – 1.00pm, Wed 25<sup>th</sup> March 4.00pm – 7.00pm and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 4.00pm – 7.00pm

**Leeds College of Building (North Street Campus)** – Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 5.00pm – 7.00pm – **South Bank Campus** – Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 10.00am – 1.00pm

**NEW College Pontefract** – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 5.00pm – 7.00pm

**Notre Dame 6<sup>th</sup> Form Leeds** – Tours also available Mon - Thurs

**University Technical College Leeds** – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 5.00pm – 7.30pm

**Wakefield College – City campus** – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 5.00pm – 7.00pm and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June – 10.00am – 1.00pm

**Additional dates TBC – please check online – follow these colleges to find out more about their events**

Year 11 students – are you on twitter? Follow @cathedralyear11 for up to date information on news, events and much more

